

December 29, 2015

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Darryl H. Crossman, Litchfield Park, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, January 6, 2016 - 12:00 noon  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Management Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. The agenda and summaries also are being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. A working lunch will be provided.

Please park in the garage under the building, bring your ticket, parking will be validated. For those who purchased a transit ticket to attend the meeting, Valley Metro/RPTA will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
January 6, 2016**

**COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED**

1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>  An opportunity is provided to the public to address the Management Committee <u>ON ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF MAG</u> , or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.	3. Information.
4. <u>Executive Director's Report</u>  The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.	4. Information.
5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u>  Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).	5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\***

**MINUTES**

*5A. <u>Approval of the November 18, 2015, Meeting Minutes</u>	5A. Review and approval of the November 18, 2015, meeting minutes.
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**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS****\*5B. MAG Federally Funded, Locally Sponsored Project Development Status Report**

A Project Development Status Report is produced twice each year, and project changes are completed quarterly or as needed. Monitoring of member agency project schedules within the Status Report, and the assurance by each agency that their project(s) will obligate federal funds as noted in the federally approved Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) listing, assist with ensuring that the regional suballocation of federal funds will be utilized and not swept from the region. The Project Status Report also assists with providing needed information in preparation of closing out Federal Highway Administration funding for the current year. On December 17, 2015, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended acceptance of the Report. Please refer to the enclosed material.

**\*5C. Programming of Transportation Alternatives/Safe Routes to School Projects in FY 2017**

Through prior MAG action, a total of \$400,000 in Transportation Alternatives funds is set aside each fiscal year for Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure projects. A call for qualifying projects was issued in August 2015 to program \$508,057 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 (includes \$108,057 moved to FY 2017 from earlier cycles). Six Safe Routes to School project applications were received requesting a total of \$260,407 in FY 2017. On November 17, 2015, the MAG Transportation Safety Committee reviewed and recommended approval of a list of Transportation Alternatives/Safe Routes to School projects. Since this recommendation will not result in the programming of all available funds, remaining Transportation Alternatives/Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure funds will be transferred to the Transportation Alternatives Program to be used to program infrastructure projects for FY 2018-2020. On December 17, 2015, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of

5B. Recommend acceptance of the MAG Federally Funded, Locally Sponsored Project Development Status Report.

5C. Recommend approval of a list of six Safe Routes to School projects for FY 2017 in the total amount of \$260,407 of Transportation Alternatives Program funding to be added to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, the draft FY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, and the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan as appropriate.

the six projects to receive funding. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5D. Request for Connection to the Regional Community Network

MAG recently received a request from Arizona State University (ASU), with sponsorship from the City of Tempe, to obtain a connection to the Regional Community Network (RCN) fiber optic communications backbone. This connection would enable the ASU Traffic Engineering Laboratory to get access to traffic data from a partnering local agency for research purposes. Such a request cannot be approved within the Roles and Responsibilities document as approved by the Regional Council. This request was discussed at meetings of a Working Group and the MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and MAG Technology Advisory Group (TAG) committees. Steps necessary to address member agency concerns were noted. The RCN Roles and Responsibilities document has been revised based on discussion, and changes have been incorporated as necessary to accommodate this and similar requests in the future. A draft letter of authorization is also provided. On December 2, 2015, a joint session of the MAG ITS Committee and the MAG TAG recommended approval. On December 17, 2015, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5E. Arterial Life Cycle Program Status Report: April 2015 - November 2015

The Arterial Life Cycle Program Status Report provides detail about the status of projects, revenues, and other relevant program information for the period between April 2015 and November 2015. This is the program's twenty-second status report and the first published in Fiscal Year 2016. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5D. Recommend approval of the revisions to the Regional Community Network Roles and Responsibilities document.

5E. Information and discussion.

\*5F. Recommendation of Projects for the MAG FY 2016 Traffic Signal Optimization Program

On October 7, 2015, MAG announced a call for new projects for the FY 2016 Traffic Signal Optimization Program (TSOP). The budget available for new TSOP projects is \$300,000. A total of six project applications was received. On December 2, 2015, the MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Committee reviewed all applications and recommended all six of the proposed projects and two additional projects that would involve performing before-and-after evaluations and a workshop to provide training on traffic signal timing software. These projects would help improve traffic signal coordination along a number of major arterial corridors in addition to freeway-arterial coordination in the Interstate 10 corridor. The total estimated cost for all eight projects is estimated to be \$304,000. An additional \$10,000 is available in TSOP funds carried over from FY 2015. All projects will be carried out using MAG on-call consultants. On December 17, 2015, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5G. Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Year End Actuals Report of Federal Highway Administration Suballocated MAG Regional Funds, and Evaluation of Estimated Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Funding Levels

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 Federal Highway Administration funding that was suballocated to the MAG region includes Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, Surface Transportation Program, Highway Safety Improvement Program, Transportation Alternatives, and planning funds and programs. Final amounts for those funding allocations and project authorizations were reported by the Arizona Department of Transportation in October 2015. An update is being provided for the FFY 2015 year end actuals and an estimated outlook for FFY 2016 funding. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5F. Recommend approval of the list of FY 2016 Traffic Signal Optimization Program projects.

5G. Information and discussion.

\*5H. Programming of Paving Unpaved Road Projects for MAG Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program Funding in the Draft FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

MAG is developing a new Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A call for projects was announced in August 2015 and the results from the evaluation and prioritization process for the Paving of Unpaved Road projects funded with the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds have been generated. The lists of FY 2018, FY 2019, and FY 2020 CMAQ funded Paving Unpaved Road projects were recommended for approval on November 10, 2015, by the MAG Street Committee, and on December 17, 2015, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5I. Programming of Intelligent Transportation Systems Projects for MAG Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program Funding in the Draft FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

MAG is developing a new Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A call for projects was announced in August 2015 and the results from the evaluation process are included for the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) projects that are funded with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds. The lists of FY 2018 and FY 2019 CMAQ funded ITS projects were recommended for approval on December 2, 2015, by the ITS Committee, and on December 17, 2015, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5J. Programming of the Pinal County Surface Transportation Program Projects in Fiscal Year 2018 and Fiscal Year 2020

MAG is developing a new Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program

5H. Recommend approval of the list of FY 2018 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funded Paving Unpaved Road projects to be added to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement, and to add the lists of FY 2018, 2019, and 2020 Paving Unpaved Road projects to the Draft FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan as appropriate.

5I. Recommend approval of the list of FY 2018 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funded Intelligent Transportation Systems projects to be added to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and to add the lists of FY 2018 and 2019 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funded projects to the Draft FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan as appropriate.

5J. Recommend approval to award full requested Surface Transportation Program funding to the Gilbert Road project and partial requested Surface Transportation Program funding to the Southern Avenue project in the FY 2014-2018 MAG

(TIP). On August 10, 2015, MAG released a call for projects for the Pinal County Surface Transportation Program. An estimated \$1.620 million is available for FY 2018 and FY 2020. Three project applications were received by the September 21, 2015, due date. On October 13, 2015, the MAG Street Committee reviewed the applications and deemed one ineligible for funding under the program and had questions concerning the data in the two remaining project applications. The Street Committee requested that the agencies provide additional information at the next meeting. On November 10, 2015, the Street Committee reviewed the updated applications. The two remaining project applications received an identical project score based on the committee's technical review, program measures, and evaluative weights. At the meeting, the Gila River Indian Community indicated that it would not be able to proceed with its Gilbert Road project with partial funding. The City of Apache Junction subsequently indicated that it would be able to go forward with its Southern Avenue project with partial funding. On December 17, 2015, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval to award full requested funding to the Gilbert Road project and partial requested funding to the Southern Avenue project. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Transportation Improvement Program, draft FY 2017 - FY 2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan as appropriate. Inclusion of the Southern Avenue project is contingent on a new finding of air quality conformity, anticipated in June 2016.

### ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS

\*5K. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. The amendment and administrative modification involve several projects, including miscellaneous highway projects, transit projects, as well as Transportation Alternatives Program/Safe Routes To School, Paving Unpaved Road, Intelligent Transportation System, and Pinal County Surface Transportation Program projects for fiscal years 2017 and 2018. The amendment includes projects that may be

5K. Consultation.

categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. The administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Please refer to the enclosed material.

### ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

6. Status Update on the June 30, 2015 Single Audit and Management Letter Comments, MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and OMB Circular A-133 Reports (i.e., "Single Audit") for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

The accounting firm of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP has completed the audit of MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Single Audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. An unqualified audit opinion was issued on November 25, 2015, on the financial statements of governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information. The independent auditors' report on compliance with the requirements applicable to major federal award programs, expressed an unqualified opinion on the Single Audit. The Single Audit report indicated there were no reportable conditions in MAG's internal control over financial reporting considered to be material weaknesses, no instances of noncompliance considered to be material and no questioned costs. The Single Audit report had no new findings. The CAFR financial statements and related footnotes were prepared in accordance with the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) standards for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting awards program. Management intends to submit the June 30, 2015, CAFR to the GFOA awards program for review. If awarded the certificate for the June 30, 2015, CAFR, this would be the agency's 18th consecutive award. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Recommend acceptance of the audit opinion issued on the MAG Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2015.



7. Project Changes –Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan were approved by the MAG Regional Council on January 29, 2014, with the last modification approved at that the October 28, 2015, Regional Council meeting. Since then, additional project changes and additions have been requested by member agencies. The new requested project additions and changes include Regional Freeway and Highway Program project changes, Transit Life Cycle Program project changes, and general project changes, which are shown in Table C. Additionally, the TA/SRTS, paving, ITS, and Pinal County STP projects to be added to the FY 2014-2018 TIP, as appropriate, are included in Table D. On December 17, 2015, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Final Recommendations on the US-60/Grand Avenue Corridor Optimization, Access Management Plan, and Systems Study (COMPASS)

The fiscal year (FY) 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, amended by the MAG Regional Council in October 2011, directed study funds to provide for the US-60/Grand Avenue Corridor Optimization, Access Management Plan, and System Study (COMPASS). The study was at the direction of the Mayors of El Mirage, Glendale, Glendale, Peoria, Phoenix, Surprise, and Youngtown, and former Maricopa County Supervisor Max Wilson, to preserve US-60/Grand Avenue as an expressway facility that remains a state highway under Arizona Department of Transportation control. Updates on the study's progress were reported to the Transportation Policy Committee in May 2013 and June 2014. The COMPASS project has now completed its process and identified a long-term solution for accommodating

7. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and, as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

8. Information and discussion.

travel demand and adjacent property access in the corridor. Staff will report on the project's draft recommendations. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. EPA Proposed Revisions to the Exceptional Events Rule

On November 20, 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a proposed rule with revisions to the 2007 Exceptional Events Rule to address issues raised by stakeholders and to provide clarity and increase the efficiency of the criteria and process. Exceptional Events include natural events such as dust storms, wildfires, stratospheric ozone intrusion and volcanic and seismic activities. In addition, EPA proposed draft guidance on preparing exceptional event demonstrations for wildfires. MAG staff is currently reviewing the proposed revisions and guidance in coordination with the MAG special Washington, D.C., legal counsel. Comments are due by January 19, 2016. U.S. Senator Jeff Flake has requested a 30-day extension of the comment period. EPA intends to finalize the rule revisions and guidance before October 1, 2016. On December 8, 2015, EPA conducted a public hearing on these items at the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality at 10:00 a.m. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Discussion of the Development of the FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies in the spring and approved by the Regional Council in May. In January, MAG provides the draft Dues and Assessments and the proposed budget production timeline. This provides an opportunity for early input into the development of the Work Program and Budget. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Information and discussion.

10. Information and discussion.

**11. Legislative Update**

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

**12. Request for Future Agenda Items**

Topics or issues of interest that the Management Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

**13. Comments from the Committee**

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

**Adjournment**

11. Information, discussion, and possible action.

12. Information.

13. Information.